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③ GREECE-CYPRUS: Papandreou's Visit

Greek Prime Minister Papandreou wants to avoid raising tension in Cyprus during his three-day visit which starts tomorrow, but the trip will hinder progress in the UN-sponsored negotiations between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

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1-6 The visit--the first ever by a Greek Prime Minister--will cause strong emotions among Greeks and Turks in Cyprus and on the mainlands. Even though Papandreou apparently intends to limit his public comments, circumstances will demand that he call for the removal of Turkish troops from the island. He again will state that a continued stalemate in the intercommunal talks could lead to an international conference on Cyprus, which presumably would allow for a more active Soviet role.

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Papandreou is unlikely to make any surprise moves, and he will try to avoid provoking incidents. The visit, nevertheless, will make it harder for the UN to keep both sides focused on resolving the fundamental differences that persist after 18 months of continual dialogue. Moreover, it may prompt a similar trip by Turkish Prime Minister Uluu to the Turkish Cypriot portion of Cyprus.

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